

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Eighty-fourth Session.

BISHOP PIERCE PRESIDING.

[Reported for the Dispatch.]

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 9:30 o'clock—Bishop

Pierce in the chair. Exercises were conducted by

Rev. George W. Nolley. Reported the final divi-

of \$16 of the Superannuated Preach-

ers' Fund, which was ordered to be turned

over to the Joint Board of Finance.

Rev. A. J. Brown called up from the

table the amendments to the constitution of

the Domestic Board of Missions, offered by

him on the first day of the Conference. The

constitution of this Board, which was adopted

in 1874, provides for only ten clerical and

ten lay members on the Board. Since then

the number of members in the Conference

has increased, and one or more dis-

senters are or may be unrepresented. He

wanted to amend the constitution so as to

provide that the Board shall consist of one

clerical and one lay member from each dis-

trict.

The second amendment is that the Bishop

shall appoint this Board each year—the

members to hold office only until the close

of the Conference succeeding their ap-

pointment.

The third amendment is that the Board

shall be authorized to fill vacancies.

Dr. Brown strongly urged the adoption

of these amendments, and gave the reasons

why, in his judgment, they should be

adopted.

The amendments, when offered, were re-

ferred to the Board of Missions, who made

an adverse report upon them.

Dr. Edwards opposed the amendments as

unwarranted. The whole Board, he said,

were opposed to them, and thought it best

to adhere to the plan under which they had

been working.

The first amendment was adopted by a

vote of 40 yeas to 35 nays.

The second amendment was adopted by a

vote of 41 yeas to 39 nays.

The third amendment was adopted with-

out division.

The Bishop then called up the fourth

question—VIZ:

WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION.

The following were admitted and elected

to deacon's office: M. C. Chandler,

Bernard F. Lipscomb, James B. Mastin,

John H. Burton, Nathan B. Foushee, Robert

H. Younger, William H. Edwards, William

O. Waggoner, W. H. Johnson, William E.

Evans, N. J. Pruden, J. D. DeBerry.

The usual questions were asked by the

Bishop and satisfactorily answered by the

candidates.

The Bishop then gave them godly advice

as to their duties as preachers and men.

The committee reported that they had

passed an examination, and their

presiding elders recommended their ad-

mission and election to deacon's office.

They will be ordained deacons on Sun-

day morning at the Washington-Street

church.

WHAT TRAVELING PREACHERS ARE ELECTED

ELDER.

The following passed in character and

were elected to deacon's office:

Franklin C. Woodward, William H. At-

well, John H. Blackford, John S. Her-

man, William J. Twilley, James H. May-

nard, Preston Nash.

[These will be ordained Sunday night at

the Market-Street church.]

Rev. C. D. Crawley passed examination,

but will not appear for ordination.

Rev. George H. Wilson was granted a

location at his own request.

When the name of James H. Maynard

was called, Rev. E. P. Wilson, presiding

elder of the Petersburg district, stated that

last year he had been sent to Blandford

church, and that he had been there since

that time. He said that he had been

there for a long time, and that he had

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